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TO: Education and Local Government Committee  
FR: Jim Standaert  
Legislative Fiscal Division  
RE: Small School Adjustments in Montana and Other States

The Purpose of this report is to investigate small school adjustments in states nearby to Montana, to provide a cost if they were instituted in Montana, and to look at the status of small schools in Montana.

This report is laid out as an excel spreadsheet. This memo will serve to guide the reader through the sheets in the spreadsheet. The sheets are viewable at the bottom of the spreadsheet and are meant to be read from the left to the right.

The first sheet is entitled "Current Law" and contains current Montana Law regarding small schools isolation status and consolidation. There are no special budgetary adjustments available for small school districts in Montana. There is no minimum size school district in Montana.

The second sheet is entitled "Size" and contains the number of districts in each size category for elementary districts, high school districts and K-12 districts. These size categories are the ones used by OPI in categorizing districts by size and were used by the Quality Schools Interim Committee in 2005. Note for the purposes of this paper that there are 102 elementaries that were less 41 ANB, and 30 high school districts that were less than 75 ANB. These data are from fiscal 2007.

The third sheet is entitled CL and shows the FY2009 elements districts must use in building their maximum budgets under current Montana Law.

The fourth sheet is entitled "Max Budget Small" and contains an illustration of the Maximum district general fund budget in K-6 districts smaller than 25 ANB and in K-8 districts between the sizes of 25 ANB and 49 ANB. The smallest K-6 in the state has 2 ANB (Kester Elementary in Garfield County) and the smallest K-8 in the state has 28 ANB (Pine Creek Elementary in Park County).

The fifth sheet is entitled "StatesANB" and contains the small school adjustments used in the states of Oregon, South Dakota and North Dakota. All three of these states provide small school adjustments that increase the budgeted ANB (or in their case, average daily membership, or ADM) for small districts. The data include the method used, the qualifying criteria, the enhancement provided, an example of its effect in the state concerned and the impact in Montana if employed here. The final piece of data for North Dakota was not available due to lack of Montana data.

The sixth sheet is entitled Oregon and contains two charts showing graphically the impact of the small school adjustment on budgeted ADM in Oregon.

The seventh sheet is entitled States Resources and contains the small school adjustments used in the states of Washington and Wyoming. These two states specify a minimum set of resources required to run small schools and multiply times a price for each resource, although data on resource prices was not available from Washington. The final entry shows the cost in Montana if it raised the elementary basic entitlement to \$75,000.

The eighth sheet is entitled "Small" and contains a listing and pertinent budget and actual spending data for all districts in the state sorted by ascending size of district.

The ninth sheet entitled "Options" contains a set of options to increase funding to small K-6 districts.

<b>Current Law in Montana Regarding Small School Districts</b>
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20-9-302. **School Isolation** – A district may ask to be designated as isolated if it has less than 10 elementary students or less than 25 high school students for two years in a row. It must document that it has poor roads, mountains, rivers or other obstacles to travel to another school. If they are approved then they are designated as isolated.

20-9-303. **Non-isolated status** – if school is not approved for isolation status and has nine or fewer elementary students it receives only half the direct state aid it would otherwise qualify for. The other half must come from district taxes.

20-9-311-8-(a). **Multiple Budget Units** – if a school of a district is located more than 20 miles from another school of the district then it designated as separate budget unit and is allowed a separate basic entitlement, and its own ANB entitlement.

20-9-311-8-(a)(iv). **Consolidation** – When two or more districts consolidate, the ANB entitlement and the basic entitlement must be calculated separately for three years. In the following three years, the additional basic entitlement is 75 percent in the 4<sup>th</sup> year, 50 percent in the 5<sup>th</sup> year and 25 percent in the 6<sup>th</sup> year. In the seventh year, the consolidated district is allocated only one basic entitlement.

There is no minimum size to qualify as a school district in Montana

<b>Number of Districts by Size Category - FY 2007</b>	
<b>Elementary District Size</b>	
ANB Size Category	Number of Districts
< 41	102
41 - 150	65
151 - 400	58
400 - 850	18
851 - 2,500	15
> 2,500	7
Total	265
<b>High School District Size</b>	
ANB Size Category	Number of Districts
< 75	30
75 - 200	40
201 - 400	17
401 - 1,250	15
>1,250	7
Total	109
<b>K-12 District</b>	
ANB Size Category	Number of Districts
< 400	40
> = 400	11
	51
Grand Total	425

<b>Elements in Building Maximum Budget - FY 2009</b>
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	Elementary			HS
	K-6	7-8	Combined	
Basic Entitlement	\$ 21,922	\$ 62,083	NA	\$ 243,649
Per ANB entitlement	\$ 4,716	\$ 6,037	NA	\$ 6,037
Decrement	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.50	NA	\$ 0.50
Example Elementary	20	5	25	45
Basic Entitlement	\$ 21,922	\$ 62,083	\$ 84,005	\$ 243,649
Per ANB Entitlement	\$ 94,282	\$ 30,180	\$ 124,462	\$ 271,170
<b>Total Entitlements</b>	<b>\$ 116,204</b>	<b>\$ 92,263</b>	<b>\$ 208,467</b>	<b>\$ 514,819</b>
Quality Educator per FTE	\$ 3,042	\$ 3,042	\$ 3,042	\$ 3,042
Indian Ed For All per ANB	\$ 20.40	\$ 20.40	\$ 20.40	\$ 20.40
	(IEFA has minimum of \$100 per district)			
Indian Achievement Gap Pmt per Ind Student	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
At Risk Payment (\$5 m) distributed per Title I	varies by district, depending on Title I federal receipts			

**Illustration of Maximum Budgets for K-6 and K-8 Elementaries**

**Maximum Budget for K-6 Elementaries**

**Maximum Budget for K-8 Elementaries**

Budgeted ANB	Basic Entitlement	Per ANB Entitlement	Quality Educator	Indian Ed For All	Maximum Budget	Budgeted ANB	Basic Entitlement	Per ANB Entitlement	Quality Educator	Indian Ed For All	Maximum Budget
1	21,922	4,716	3,042	100	29,780	25	84,005	117,840	6,084	510	208,439
2	21,922	9,432	3,042	100	34,496	26	84,005	122,551	6,084	530	213,170
3	21,922	14,147	3,042	100	39,211	27	84,005	127,262	6,084	551	217,902
4	21,922	18,863	3,042	100	43,927	28	84,005	131,972	6,084	571	222,633
5	21,922	23,578	3,042	102	48,644	29	84,005	136,683	6,084	592	227,363
6	21,922	28,293	3,042	122	53,379	30	84,005	141,393	6,084	612	232,094
7	21,922	33,008	3,042	143	58,115	31	84,005	146,103	6,084	632	236,824
8	21,922	37,722	3,042	163	62,850	32	84,005	150,813	6,084	653	241,555
9	21,922	42,437	3,042	184	67,584	33	84,005	155,522	6,084	673	246,285
10	21,922	47,151	3,042	204	72,319	34	84,005	160,232	6,084	694	251,014
11	21,922	51,865	3,042	224	77,053	35	84,005	164,941	6,084	714	255,744
12	21,922	56,579	3,042	245	81,788	36	84,005	169,650	6,084	734	260,473
13	21,922	61,292	3,042	265	86,522	37	84,005	174,359	6,084	755	265,203
14	21,922	66,006	3,042	286	91,255	38	84,005	179,067	6,084	775	269,932
15	21,922	70,719	3,042	306	95,989	39	84,005	183,776	6,084	796	274,660
16	21,922	75,432	3,042	326	100,722	40	84,005	188,484	6,084	816	279,389
17	21,922	80,145	3,042	347	105,456	41	84,005	193,192	6,084	836	284,117
18	21,922	84,857	3,042	367	110,189	42	84,005	197,900	6,084	857	288,846
19	21,922	89,570	3,042	388	114,921	43	84,005	202,607	6,084	877	293,574
20	21,922	94,282	3,042	408	119,654	44	84,005	207,315	6,084	898	298,301
21	21,922	98,994	3,042	428	124,386	45	84,005	212,022	6,084	918	303,029
22	21,922	103,706	3,042	449	129,119	46	84,005	216,729	6,084	938	307,756
23	21,922	108,417	3,042	469	133,851	47	84,005	221,436	6,084	959	312,484
24	21,922	113,129	3,042	490	138,582	48	84,005	226,142	6,084	979	317,211
25	21,922	117,840	3,042	510	143,314	49	84,005	230,849	6,084	1,000	321,937

Elementary Basic Entitlement	\$ 21,922	The smallest K-8 in Montana had 28 budgeted ANB in FY 2007
Middle School Basic Entitlement	\$ 62,083	
Elementary Per ANB Entitlement	\$ 4,716	
Middle School Per ANB Entitlement	\$ 6,037	
Quality Educator Payment per FTE	\$ 3,042	
Indian Ed For All Payment per ANB	\$20.4/ANB, Min \$100/district	
At Risk Payment	Varies depending on amount of Title I monies received from federal	

**Small School Adjustments in States Near Montana**

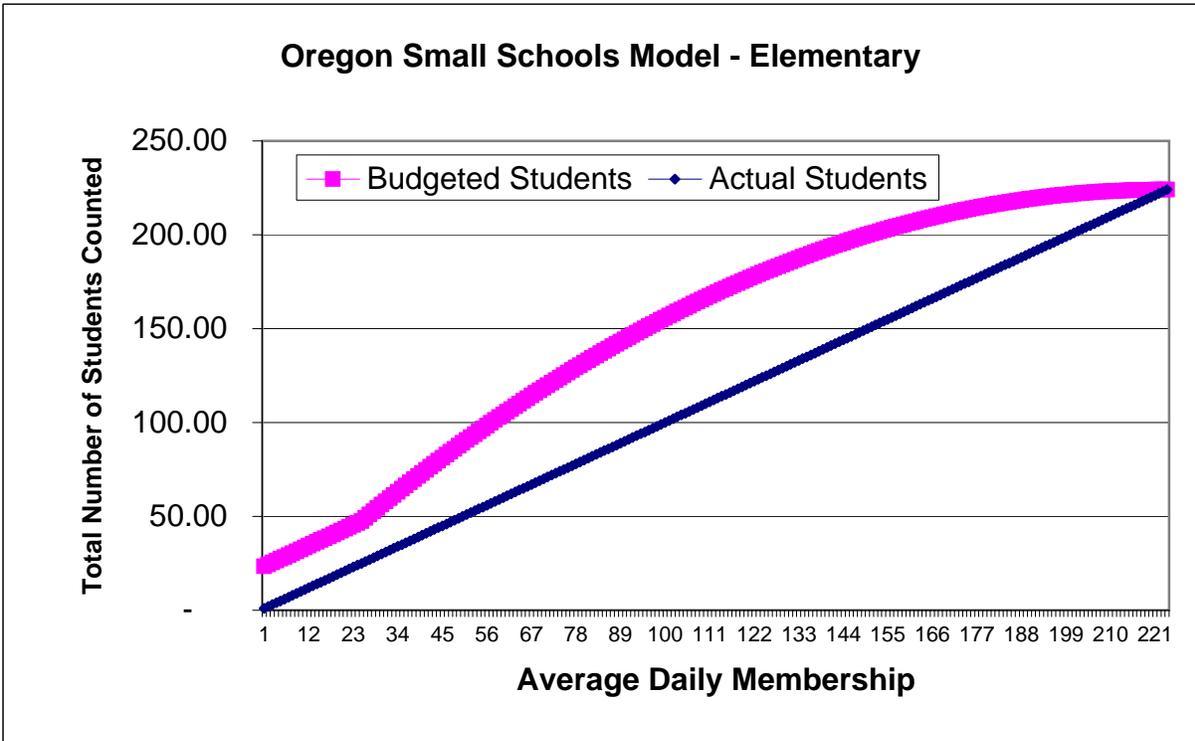
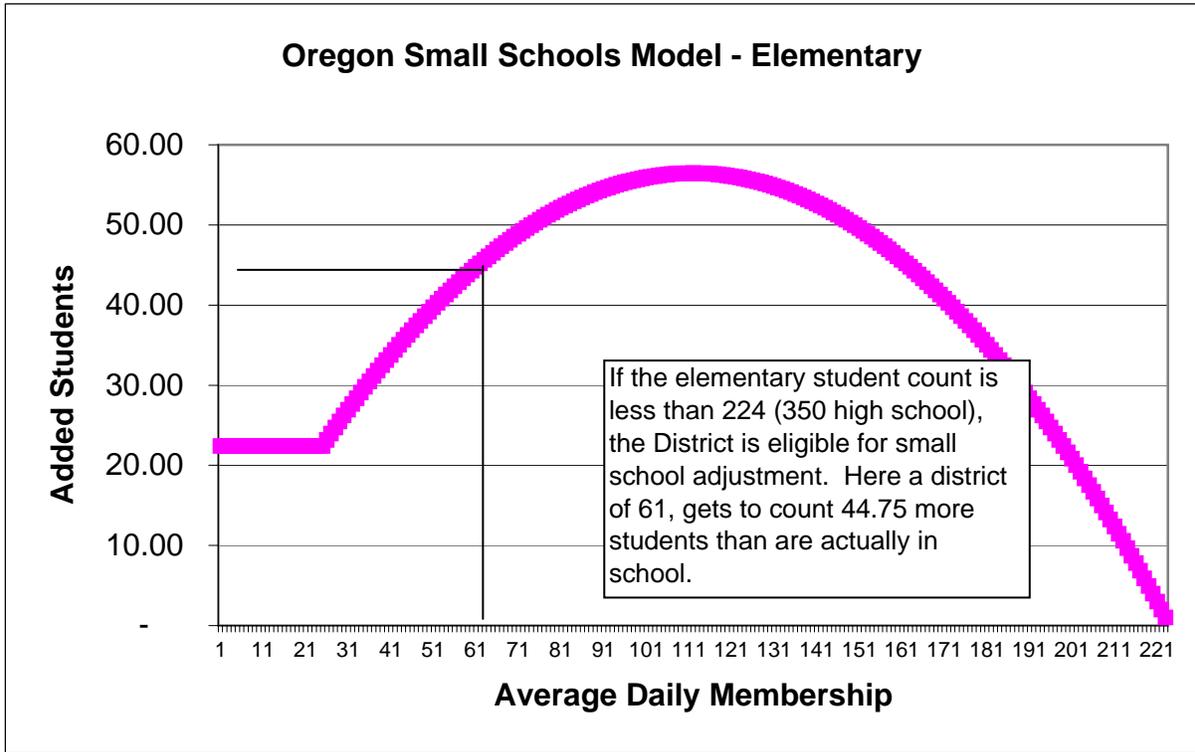
State	Method to enhance money for rural districts	Qualifying criteria to be rural	Formula enhancements	Example	Montana Cost
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**General Method: Boost Average Daily Membership (i.e. Number of Kids) for Districts below an Enrollment Threshold**

Oregon	Boost Average Daily Membership for districts below an enrollment threshold	Elementary districts with 8 grades < 224 ADM, with threshold reduced by 28 for every one less grades and more than 8 miles from nearest school	Added Elementary ADM = $\{224 - (\text{ADM} / (\text{number of grades in school} / 8))\} \times .0045 \times \text{ADM} \times \text{distance adjustment}$ . Minimum ADM = 25	80 kids in school - additional \$311,040	227 districts would count an additional 7,782 students at a cost of \$36.7 million
		High school districts with 4 grades < 350 with no distance adjustment	Added High School ADM = $\{350 - (\text{ADM} / (\text{number of grades in school} / 4))\} \times .0029 \times \text{ADM}$ . Minimum ADM = 60	250 kids in school - additional \$435,000	130 districts would count an additional 8,427 students at a cost of \$51.0 million

South Dakota	Boost per ADM payment for districts with enrollment below a threshold	Less than 600 students per District - All Districts K-12	if less than 200 students - $0.2 \times \$4,237.72$ added to \$4,528.8 times enrollment	80 kids - additional \$67,804	331 elementary districts would receive an additional \$19.4 million; 97 high schools would receive an additional \$15.3 million.
			if more than 200 students but less than 600 students - $\text{Enrollment} \times (-.0005) + .3 \times 4,237.72 \times \text{Enrollment}$	250 kids - additional \$185,400	

North Dakota	Boost per ADM payment for districts with enrollment below a threshold	Isolated Elementary - less than 50 students	If 15% of district students travel 15 miles or more to get to school, elementary is isolated and is guaranteed a count of 15 students weighted by an additional 25 percent		NA
		Isolated High School - Less than 20 students	If 15% of district students travel 15 miles or more to get to school, high school is isolated and is guaranteed a count of 20 students weighted by an additional 25 percent		NA
		Additional weights for small high schools	0 to 185 students - 25%		NA
			186 - 900 students - sliding scale between 25% and 0 percent		NA
			> 900 students 0%		



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**General Method: Specify Minimum Set of Resources for Districts Below an Enrollment Threshold**

<b>Washington</b>	Specify Minimum Set of Resources for Districts Below an Enrollment Threshold	For enrollments less than 25	K-8 - 1-5 students -- 1.76 instructional staff and .24 admin units	NA	NA
			K-8 - 5 - 25 students 1.76 instructional +(FTE-5)/10 plus .32 admin units	NA	NA
		For enrollments greater than 25 but less than 100	K-6 - 2.76 instructional staff and .24 admin units	NA	NA
			7th & 8th grades .92 instructional staff and .08 admin units	NA	NA
	Washington has other resource allocations for "remote and necessary" districts - usually on islands				

<b>Wyoming</b>	Specify Minimum Set of Resources for Districts Below an Enrollment Threshold	For enrollments less than 50	Districts less than 50 students - 1.7 teachers per 7 students. The teachers allocated times \$43,938 salary, adjusted for experience and education	35 student = 8.5 teachers * \$43,938 = \$373,473	129 districts would receive \$30.7 million more.
			Three admin positions are allocated to districts less than 50 students. 1 super - \$95,211, ass't super - \$76,169, business mgr - \$64,202. Add 19.66 percent for benefits plus \$8,169 for health	\$235,582 for admin positions	129 districts would receive \$36.7 million more at Montana prices

<b>Montana</b>	Raise Elementary basic entitlement to \$75,000,				\$10 million in state cost, raise maximum budgets \$17 million
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## Spending, Budgets and Staff in Districts in Montana with Less Than 100 Students

CO	CONAME	LE	LE_NAME	Level	Type of Elementary	Elementary Budgeted ANB 2007	High School Budgeted ANB 2007	Fall Enrollment FY 2007	FY 2007 General Fund Spending	FY 2007 GF Budget	2007 FTE, as measured for QE payment	Percent of Maximum Budget	Above or Equal to Max?	FY 2007 Spending per Student
			Statewide		206 K-8's & 110 K-6's	97,406	49,613	144,263	854,437,991	856,564,383	12,179	99%	186	5,923
			Small Districts < = 50 students			2,280	796	2,741	25,379,157	26,035,506	425	100%	72	9,259
17	Garfield	0386	Kester Elem	EL	K-6	2	-	1	25,393	25,804	1.0	81%	0	25,393
34	Park	0617	Cooke City Elem	EL	K-6	3	-	4	45,479	45,891	1.0	125%	1	11,370
07	Cascade	1195	Deep Creek Elem	EL	K-6	3	-	4	43,948	44,077	1.0	120%	1	10,987
30	Meagher	0568	Lennepe Elem	EL	K-6	4	-	2	39,267	42,496	1.0	101%	1	19,633
01	Beaverhead	0012	Polaris Elem	EL	K-6	4	-	4	41,874	42,701	1.0	102%	1	10,469
09	Custer	0177	Trail Creek Elem	EL	K-6	4	-	4	36,506	38,812	1.0	93%	0	9,126
34	Park	0635	Springdale Elem	EL	K-6	4	-	6	51,259	52,000	1.0	124%	1	8,543
17	Garfield	0382	Van Norman Elem	EL	K-6	5	-	3	28,468	37,503	1.0	81%	0	9,489
26	Liberty	0506	Whitlash Elem	EL	K-6	5	-	3	45,164	46,862	1.0	100%	1	15,055
48	Stillwater	0852	Molt Elem	EL	K-6	5	-	3	38,908	51,708	1.0	113%	1	12,969
08	Chouteau	0144	Warrick Elem	EL	K-6	5	-	6	42,896	46,575	1.0	100%	1	7,149
14	Fergus	0264	Deerfield Elem	EL	K-6	5	-	6	28,882	44,030	1.0	95%	0	4,814
48	Stillwater	0857	Nye Elem	EL	K-6	5	-	6	50,533	54,983	1.0	119%	1	8,422
39	Powell	0721	Gold Creek Elem	EL	K-6	5	-	8	52,591	53,635	1.1	115%	1	6,574
27	Lincoln	0532	Sylvanite Elem	EL	K-6	6	-	3	50,344	52,977	1.0	105%	1	16,781
09	Custer	0179	Spring Creek Elem	EL	K-6	6	-	4	34,436	41,402	1.0	81%	0	8,609
17	Garfield	0392	Sand Springs Elem	EL	K-6	6	-	6	37,785	41,402	1.0	81%	0	6,297
08	Chouteau	0159	Carter Elem	EL	K-6	6	-	7	47,046	51,337	1.0	100%	1	6,721
15	Flathead	0325	Pleasant Valley Elem	EL	K-6	6	-	7	51,795	51,007	1.0	100%	1	7,399
03	Blaine	0032	Cleveland Elem	EL	K-6	6	-	9	41,968	44,424	1.0	87%	0	4,663
17	Garfield	0380	Big Dry Creek Elem	EL	K-6	7	-	4	33,768	44,986	1.0	81%	0	8,442
24	Lake	0486	Swan Lake-Salmon Elem	EL	K-6	7	-	4	56,229	56,229	1.0	100%	1	14,057
09	Custer	0182	Cottonwood Elem	EL	K-6	7	-	5	34,989	45,520	1.0	81%	0	6,998
08	Chouteau	0171	Benton Lake Elem	EL	K-6	7	-	6	49,211	55,812	1.0	100%	1	8,202
09	Custer	1232	Twin Buttes Elem	EL	K-6	8	-	5	40,266	57,257	1.0	81%	0	8,053
27	Lincoln	0533	Yaak Elem	EL	K-6	8	-	6	61,311	62,092	1.0	103%	1	10,219
44	Rosebud	0789	Birney Elem	EL	K-6	8	-	6	59,796	61,241	1.0	100%	1	9,966
09	Custer	1238	S H Elem	EL	K-6	8	-	8	42,945	49,010	1.0	81%	0	5,368
03	Blaine	0048	Bear Paw Elem	EL	K-6	8	-	9	44,384	55,500	1.0	91%	0	4,932
17	Garfield	0394	Ross Elem	EL	K-6	8	-	9	46,293	49,010	1.0	81%	0	5,144
05	Carbon	0070	Boyd Elem	EL	K-6	9	-	4	65,010	66,956	1.0	102%	1	16,253
17	Garfield	0385	Pine Grove Elem	EL	K-6	9	-	6	48,305	52,946	1.0	81%	0	8,051
38	Powder River	0709	South Stacey Elem	EL	K-6	9	-	6	42,914	52,859	1.1	81%	0	7,152
38	Powder River	0692	Biddle Elem	EL	K-6	9	-	8	49,756	58,454	1.0	89%	0	6,219
49	Sweet Grass	0868	Melville Elem	EL	K-6	10	-	4	69,989	105,330	1.1	128%	1	17,497
17	Garfield	0387	Cohagen Elem	EL	K-6	10	-	5	34,446	55,738	1.0	81%	0	6,889

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03	Blaine	1216	North Harlem Colony Elem	EL	K-6	10	-	6	38,815	59,743	1.0	82%	0	6,469
49	Sweet Grass	0875	McLeod Elem	EL	K-6	10	-	7	81,357	90,000	1.1	128%	1	11,622
54	Wheatland	0947	Shawmut Elem	EL	K-6	10	-	7	62,373	65,294	1.0	94%	0	8,910
02	Big Horn	0020	Spring Creek Elem	EL	K-6	10	-	9	1,850	70,366	1.0	100%	1	206
45	Sanders	0813	Camas Prairie Elem	EL	K-6	11	-	6	68,443	76,193	1.0	100%	1	11,407
14	Fergus	0288	Spring Creek Colony Elem	EL	K-6	11	-	9	52,707	64,521	1.0	79%	0	5,856
11	Dawson	0216	Lindsay Elem	EL	K-6	11	-	10	75,988	78,064	2.0	98%	0	7,599
21	Hill	1217	Gildford Colony Elem	EL	K-6	11	-	10	63,525	63,759	1.0	85%	0	6,352
16	Gallatin	0357	Springhill Elem	EL	K-6	12	-	9	76,054	81,476	1.0	100%	1	8,450
42	Richland	0749	Brorson Elem	EL	K-6	13	-	5	71,871	83,475	1.0	100%	1	14,374
06	Carter	0078	Hawks Home Elem	EL	K-6	13	-	6	50,620	69,663	2.0	81%	0	8,437
47	Silver Bow	0843	Divide Elem	EL	K-6	13	-	6	83,681	85,762	2.0	100%	1	13,947
25	Lewis & Clark	0495	Wolf Creek Elem	EL	K-6	13	-	8	85,179	89,220	1.3	100%	1	10,647
25	Lewis & Clark	0491	Trinity Elem	EL	K-6	13	-	11	76,138	82,441	1.0	93%	0	6,922
05	Carbon	0073	Edgar Elem	EL	K-6	13	-	12	82,804	89,288	1.0	104%	1	6,900
48	Stillwater	0853	Fishtail Elem	EL	K-6	13	-	14	98,082	100,666	1.0	119%	1	7,006
11	Dawson	0215	Bloomfield Elem	EL	K-6	13	-	16	79,667	82,853	2.0	95%	0	4,979
37	Pondera	0684	Miami Elem	EL	K-6	14	-	9	48,072	78,356	1.0	89%	0	5,341
14	Fergus	0272	King Colony Elem	EL	K-6	14	-	15	62,743	71,829	1.0	80%	0	4,183
21	Hill	0424	Davey Elem	EL	K-6	15	-	12	94,480	96,142	2.0	100%	1	7,873
08	Chouteau	0161	Knees Elem	EL	K-6	15	-	13	66,794	96,473	2.0	100%	1	5,138
47	Silver Bow	0844	Melrose Elem	EL	K-6	15	-	14	95,799	98,493	2.0	103%	1	6,843
51	Toole	0915	Galata Elem	EL	K-6	15	-	15	80,642	112,878	2.0	100%	1	5,376
32	Missoula	0594	Sunset Elem	EL	K-6	16	-	5	99,136	99,415	2.1	98%	0	19,827
16	Gallatin	0359	Cottonwood Elem	EL	K-6	16	-	14	89,588	89,823	2.0	89%	0	6,399
39	Powell	0718	Garrison Elem	EL	K-6	16	-	14	99,296	103,750	2.9	101%	1	7,093
26	Liberty	1224	Liberty Elem	EL	K-6	16	-	16	106,975	98,903	1.0	100%	1	6,686
16	Gallatin	0362	Pass Creek Elem	EL	K-6	17	-	15	79,205	84,654	1.5	80%	0	5,280
14	Fergus	1218	Ayers Elem	EL	K-6	17	-	15	76,282	86,339	1.0	79%	0	5,085
49	Sweet Grass	0872	Greycliff Elem	EL	K-6	18	-	14	121,179	146,982	2.2	109%	1	8,656
37	Pondera	0671	Dupuyer Elem	EL	K-6	18	-	20	110,329	113,652	1.5	100%	1	5,516
27	Lincoln	0530	McCormick Elem	EL	K-6	19	-	9	92,436	92,454	1.0	81%	0	10,271
16	Gallatin	0370	Malmborg Elem	EL	K-6	19	-	16	99,537	105,948	2.0	91%	0	6,221
11	Dawson	1193	Deer Creek Elem	EL	K-6	19	-	16	110,197	117,238	2.0	100%	1	6,887
39	Powell	0715	Ovando Elem	EL	K-6	19	-	18	118,035	134,886	2.1	114%	1	6,557
29	McCone	0566	Vida Elem	EL	K-6	19	-	24	130,157	115,423	2.5	99%	0	5,423
01	Beaverhead	0014	Jackson Elem	EL	K-6	20	-	13	115,379	118,508	2.0	100%	1	8,875
22	Jefferson	0455	Basin Elem	EL	K-6	20	-	19	92,013	120,198	2.0	97%	0	4,843
01	Beaverhead	0003	Grant Elem	EL	K-6	21	-	6	100,854	108,941	2.0	87%	0	16,809
28	Madison	0536	Alder Elem	EL	K-6	21	-	18	122,903	127,497	2.3	100%	1	6,828
21	Hill	0445	Cottonwood Elem	EL	K-6	22	-	16	147,793	134,887	4.0	99%	0	9,237
24	Lake	0483	Valley View Elem	EL	K-6	22	-	20	133,905	133,962	2.1	98%	0	6,695
01	Beaverhead	0015	Reichle Elem	EL	K-6	22	-	21	116,403	121,776	2.0	94%	0	5,543
43	Roosevelt	0787	Froid H S	HS	HS	-	22	15	427,410	427,410	5.7	112%	1	28,494
33	Musselshell	0608	Melstone H S	HS	HS	-	22	20	376,548	377,808	5.1	100%	1	18,827

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01	Beaverhead	0010	Wisdom Elem	EL	K-6	23	-	15	123,233	127,980	2.0	95%	0	8,216
01	Beaverhead	0007	Wise River Elem	EL	K-6	23	-	20	123,261	130,150	2.0	97%	0	6,163
16	Gallatin	0355	Willow Creek H S	HS	HS	-	25	23	387,699	399,384	5.4	100%	1	16,856
25	Lewis & Clark	0498	Auchard Creek Elem	EL	K-6	27	-	26	108,721	127,645	2.2	81%	0	4,182
34	Park	0620	Pine Creek Elem	EL	K-8	28	-	27	199,116	204,028	4.0	100%	1	7,375
48	Stillwater	0859	Rapelje H S	HS	HS	-	28	21	379,652	440,418	5.6	107%	1	18,079
20	Granite	0418	Hall Elem	EL	K-6	29	-	21	147,234	158,273	2.0	93%	0	7,011
15	Flathead	1223	West Glacier Elem	EL	K-6	30	-	30	227,200	211,181	3.3	119%	1	7,573
24	Lake	1211	Upper West Shore Elem	EL	K-6	30	-	33	178,370	166,571	2.0	97%	0	5,405
48	Stillwater	0851	Reed Point H S	HS	HS	-	30	24	413,089	413,594	7.4	93%	0	17,212
18	Glacier	1222	Mountain View Elem	EL	K-6	31	-	30	135,004	138,234	2.0	80%	0	4,500
36	Phillips	0648	Dodson H S	HS	HS	-	31	23	408,422	436,833	5.7	101%	1	17,757
32	Missoula	0591	Woodman Elem	EL	K-8	33	-	28	247,411	258,003	4.2	100%	1	8,836
50	Teton	0889	Bynum Elem	EL	K-6	33	-	35	144,962	148,288	3.1	81%	0	4,142
44	Rosebud	0795	Rosebud H S	HS	HS	-	33	31	440,496	454,794	6.4	103%	1	14,210
11	Dawson	0228	Richey H S	HS	HS	-	34	23	475,615	462,709	6.0	104%	1	20,679
36	Phillips	0657	Saco H S	HS	HS	-	34	30	733,433	523,713	7.1	111%	1	24,448
39	Powell	0717	Helmville Elem	EL	K-6	35	-	31	182,640	189,686	3.1	93%	0	5,892
18	Glacier	0404	East Glacier Park Elem	EL	K-6	35	-	35	314,781	345,535	5.0	160%	1	8,994
16	Gallatin	0354	Willow Creek Elem	EL	K-8	35	-	38	283,669	294,857	6.2	102%	1	7,465
10	Daniels	0196	Peerless K-12 Schools	K12	K-8	20	15	28	534,032	668,535	9.8	118%	1	19,073
56	Yellowstone	0976	Morin Elem	EL	K-6	36	-	20	187,083	189,878	4.0	92%	0	9,354
45	Sanders	0808	Paradise Elem	EL	K-6	36	-	28	209,915	229,000	5.6	111%	1	7,497
03	Blaine	0045	Turner H S	HS	HS	-	36	35	440,078	442,771	5.7	97%	0	12,574
54	Wheatland	0949	Judith Gap H S	HS	HS	-	37	29	453,667	479,430	7.0	102%	1	15,644
14	Fergus	0274	Moore H S	HS	HS	-	37	33	472,362	473,690	6.5	100%	1	14,314
53	Valley	0933	Hinsdale H S	HS	HS	-	37	34	412,346	472,270	6.3	100%	1	12,128
53	Valley	0941	Lustre Elem	EL	K-6	38	-	38	217,262	217,500	3.5	101%	1	5,717
42	Richland	0769	Lambert H S	HS	HS	-	38	29	401,429	476,687	7.2	100%	1	13,842
50	Teton	0898	Pendroy Elem	EL	K-6	39	-	35	133,020	173,375	2.0	81%	0	3,801
32	Missoula	0596	Swan Valley Elem	EL	K-8	40	-	43	304,277	311,794	4.5	100%	1	7,076
50	Teton	0896	Golden Ridge Elem	EL	K-6	40	-	45	193,221	195,661	4.1	88%	0	4,294
08	Chouteau	0154	Geraldine H S	HS	HS	-	40	33	517,587	521,925	6.4	107%	1	15,684
39	Powell	0719	Elliston Elem	EL	K-6	42	-	37	203,850	211,899	4.1	90%	0	5,509
14	Fergus	0268	Grass Range Elem	EL	K-8	42	-	43	285,795	300,000	5.7	100%	0	6,646
22	Jefferson	0458	Cardwell Elem	EL	K-6	42	-	48	188,213	190,183	5.9	80%	0	3,921
05	Carbon	1231	Luther Elem	EL	K-6	43	-	39	186,811	187,643	3.5	81%	0	4,790
25	Lewis & Clark	0503	Augusta H S	HS	HS	-	44	38	501,772	518,524	7.8	96%	0	13,205
33	Musselshell	0607	Melstone Elem	EL	K-8	45	-	50	315,686	317,699	6.2	100%	1	6,314
14	Fergus	0269	Grass Range H S	HS	HS	-	45	31	423,881	430,000	5.4	84%	0	13,674
48	Stillwater	0858	Rapelje Elem	EL	K-8	46	-	39	312,775	331,387	6.9	101%	1	8,020
54	Wheatland	0948	Judith Gap Elem	EL	K-8	46	-	40	371,984	376,911	6.3	114%	1	9,300
23	Judith Basin	0473	Geyser H S	HS	HS	-	46	42	512,563	516,423	6.5	96%	0	12,204
53	Valley	0928	Frazer H S	HS	HS	-	47	43	653,477	529,000	8.4	92%	0	15,197
03	Blaine	0034	Zurich Elem	EL	K-6	48	-	43	208,662	247,000	5.0	94%	0	4,853

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08	Chouteau	0146	Highwood H S	HS	HS	-	48	43	537,060	537,817	7.2	100%	1	12,490
27	Lincoln	0529	Fortine Elem	EL	K-6	48	-	52	261,653	262,862	5.2	97%	0	5,032
11	Dawson	0227	Richey Elem	EL	K-8	49	-	47	489,152	357,440	7.1	104%	1	10,407
39	Powell	0720	Avon Elem	EL	K-6	50	-	42	213,483	224,769	4.1	80%	0	5,083
43	Roosevelt	0786	Froid Elem	EL	K-8	50	-	48	399,581	399,581	9.4	108%	1	8,325
27	Lincoln	0534	Trego Elem	EL	K-6	51	-	56	267,658	270,626	4.5	97%	0	4,780
36	Phillips	1203	Saco Elem	EL	K-8	52	-	53	785,577	548,627	8.0	141%	1	14,822
05	Carbon	0072	Fromberg H S	HS	HS	-	52	57	581,379	574,129	8.5	101%	1	10,200
46	Sheridan	0819	Westby K-12 Schools	K12	K-8	38	15	51	1,007,951	982,719	14.9	158%	1	19,764
42	Richland	0768	Lambert Elem	EL	K-8	55	-	61	362,510	449,902	8.5	117%	1	5,943
36	Phillips	0647	Dodson Elem	EL	K-8	56	-	39	379,323	401,941	8.1	100%	1	9,726
14	Fergus	0282	Denton H S	HS	HS	-	56	45	571,882	573,580	7.9	99%	0	12,708
42	Richland	0748	Savage H S	HS	HS	-	56	46	1,008,789	592,699	5.1	103%	1	21,930
14	Fergus	0273	Moore Elem	EL	K-8	56	-	54	387,287	389,306	7.7	100%	1	7,172
56	Yellowstone	0979	Broadview H S	HS	HS	-	56	59	533,588	582,130	7.1	97%	0	9,044
09	Custer	0173	Kircher Elem	EL	K-6	57	-	37	197,128	252,948	4.0	80%	0	5,328
02	Big Horn	0021	Pryor Elem	EL	K-8	57	-	41	379,584	385,722	9.6	81%	0	9,258
50	Teton	0895	Power H S	HS	HS	-	57	62	560,793	557,593	6.8	95%	0	9,045
03	Blaine	0044	Turner Elem	EL	K-8	58	-	52	371,658	375,454	6.4	86%	0	7,147
16	Gallatin	0367	LaMotte Elem	EL	K-8	58	-	62	340,665	353,474	6.8	95%	0	5,495
56	Yellowstone	0987	Pioneer Elem	EL	K-6	58	-	64	312,305	313,219	5.8	100%	1	4,880
45	Sanders	0809	Dixon Elem	EL	K-8	59	-	86	327,898	351,654	8.0	83%	0	3,813
25	Lewis & Clark	0502	Augusta Elem	EL	K-8	60	-	53	424,881	429,144	7.8	103%	1	8,017
48	Stillwater	0850	Reed Point Elem	EL	K-8	60	-	58	392,773	393,875	6.1	100%	1	6,772
53	Valley	0935	Opheim K-12 Schools	K12	K-8	37	25	55	852,555	935,131	12.6	131%	1	15,501
53	Valley	0932	Hinsdale Elem	EL	K-8	64	-	62	431,816	488,982	8.3	108%	1	6,965
43	Roosevelt	0783	Brockton H S	HS	HS	-	65	61	562,910	566,004	8.3	80%	0	9,228
53	Valley	0927	Frazer Elem	EL	K-8	66	-	55	569,709	512,953	13.8	102%	1	10,358
08	Chouteau	0153	Geraldine Elem	EL	K-8	67	-	56	574,115	579,503	7.9	130%	1	10,252
44	Rosebud	0800	Ashland Elem	EL	K-8	67	-	61	450,128	450,128	13.0	89%	0	7,379
06	Carter	0097	Carter County H S	HS	HS	-	67	62	646,256	653,096	8.0	100%	1	10,423
02	Big Horn	0026	Wyola Elem	EL	K-8	67	-	81	414,649	416,146	14.9	88%	0	5,119
09	Custer	0187	Kinsey Elem	EL	K-6	68	-	87	269,633	295,432	5.0	81%	0	3,099
50	Teton	0900	Greenfield Elem	EL	K-8	69	-	52	374,934	387,263	6.5	87%	0	7,210
44	Rosebud	0794	Rosebud Elem	EL	K-8	69	-	57	402,435	431,426	8.4	100%	1	7,060
15	Flathead	0316	Creston Elem	EL	K-6	69	-	65	370,526	363,614	5.9	100%	1	5,700
08	Chouteau	0145	Highwood Elem	EL	K-8	70	-	61	534,355	535,364	9.0	115%	1	8,760
16	Gallatin	0376	Amsterdam Elem	EL	K-6	70	-	98	405,488	373,403	6.7	100%	0	4,138
45	Sanders	0815	Hot Springs H S	HS	HS	-	71	72	617,554	626,096	6.8	90%	0	8,577
23	Judith Basin	0472	Geyser Elem	EL	K-8	73	-	45	456,314	457,807	9.6	100%	1	10,140
17	Garfield	0378	Garfield County H S	HS	HS	-	73	58	627,015	684,341	8.5	98%	0	10,811
42	Richland	0747	Savage Elem	EL	K-8	74	-	65	464,141	520,000	7.5	109%	1	7,141
15	Flathead	0342	Olney-Bissell Elem	EL	K-8	74	-	68	456,121	459,759	8.5	96%	0	6,708
08	Chouteau	0138	Big Sandy H S	HS	HS	-	74	70	725,377	726,633	8.0	103%	1	10,363
02	Big Horn	1214	Plenty Coups H S	HS	HS	-	74	77	579,538	585,990	11.5	81%	0	7,526

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45	Sanders	0807	Trout Creek Elem	EL	K-8	75	-	58	471,961	490,259	8.0	101%	1	8,137
14	Fergus	0280	Roy K-12 Schools	K12	K-8	47	29	65	674,243	690,443	10.3	91%	0	10,373
42	Richland	0754	Rau Elem	EL	K-6	77	-	69	467,159	366,672	6.0	92%	0	6,770
36	Phillips	0663	Whitewater K-12 Schools	K12	K-8	42	36	72	1,122,441	836,998	13.6	104%	1	15,589
14	Fergus	0281	Denton Elem	EL	K-8	80	-	78	522,760	524,748	9.9	103%	1	6,702
43	Roosevelt	0785	Bainville K-12 Schools	K12	K-8	49	32	77	1,427,130	1,023,345	15.8	133%	1	18,534
37	Pondera	0680	Valier H S	HS	HS	-	81	83	728,210	730,063	7.9	98%	0	8,774
28	Madison	0538	Sheridan H S	HS	HS	-	82	81	804,925	818,120	11.4	107%	1	9,937
13	Fallon	0256	Plevna K-12 Schools	K12	K-8	49	35	75	1,134,310	1,144,046	15.8	140%	1	15,124
56	Yellowstone	0975	Custer K-12 Schools	K12	K-8	54	30	82	788,786	821,482	12.2	99%	0	9,619
19	Golden Valley	0411	Lavina K-12 Schools	K12	K-8	49	36	92	826,663	817,273	15.0	100%	1	8,985
06	Carter	0087	Ekalaka Elem	EL	K-8	89	-	73	592,872	600,665	11.0	106%	1	8,122
56	Yellowstone	1196	Yellowstone Academy Elem	EL	K-6	89	-	75	478,706	478,708	20.8	100%	1	6,383
17	Garfield	0377	Jordan Elem	EL	K-8	89	-	91	513,709	556,005	9.7	100%	0	5,645
30	Meagher	0570	White Sulphur Spgs H S	HS	HS	-	90	83	780,828	784,212	10.8	96%	0	9,408
21	Hill	1234	North Star HS	HS	HS	-	91	76	1,054,739	1,056,879	11.9	102%	1	13,878
34	Park	1191	Gardiner H S	HS	HS	-	91	85	723,512	723,574	9.6	89%	0	8,512
43	Roosevelt	0778	Culbertson H S	HS	HS	-	92	96	823,146	814,882	10.2	100%	1	8,574
29	McCone	0548	Circle H S	HS	HS	-	95	80	833,525	835,844	8.7	100%	0	10,419
07	Cascade	0105	Centerville H S	HS	HS	-	95	89	756,363	757,829	10.7	92%	0	8,498
50	Teton	0894	Power Elem	EL	K-8	96	-	85	575,033	582,529	9.3	95%	0	6,765
07	Cascade	0131	Ulm Elem	EL	K-8	96	-	95	573,992	591,927	10.9	99%	0	6,042
34	Park	1228	Shields Valley H S	HS	HS	-	96	99	841,702	843,739	11.5	100%	1	8,502
07	Cascade	0127	Vaughn Elem	EL	K-8	97	-	75	646,134	654,000	12.0	104%	1	8,615
08	Chouteau	0137	Big Sandy Elem	EL	K-8	99	-	91	705,618	707,118	12.3	115%	1	7,754
05	Carbon	0076	Belfry K-12 Schools	K12	K-8	53	47	72	1,132,713	936,738	16.0	100%	1	15,732
35	Petroleum	0642	Winnett K-12 Schools	K12	K-8	66	35	91	817,903	825,000	12.2	93%	0	8,988
48	Stillwater	0847	Park City H S	HS	HS	-	101	93	681,919	701,741	8.5	82%	0	7,332
14	Fergus	0291	Winifred K-12 Schools	K12	K-8	55	48	92	901,350	923,101	13.0	100%	1	9,797
43	Roosevelt	0782	Brockton Elem	EL	K-8	103	-	94	580,352	581,818	16.4	81%	0	6,174

**Should the Legislature Change the Way Small K-6 School Districts Budget?**

	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Cost to State</b>	<b>Cost to K-12</b>																								
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<b>Option 2</b>	Deem that all districts have at Minimum 10 ANB	\$4 M	\$6 M																								
<b>Option 3</b>	Raise Basic entitlement to some level (say \$75,000), begin counting ANB only after 10th ANB	\$0 M	\$0 M																								
<b>Option 4</b>	Require that a district must have a minimum number of ANB for a set number of years, or else it must close and consolidate with another district	\$???	\$???																								

**Senator Kitzenberg's Question:**

**What are several Options that could be implemented to increase funding for school districts in FY 2009**

Note: None of these options could be accomplished without a special session of the Legislature

**Local Resources**

**The current law with respect to general fund budgets and local property taxes is as follows**

- A.** A district may budget at the higher of last year's budget or this year's maximum budget
- B.** If the property tax revenue required to reach last year's budget or this year's maximum is greater than levied last year, then the increase must be put to a vote

**Option 1** Allow districts the higher of last year's budget after applying a growth factor (say inflation) or this year's maximum budget.

**Option 2** Eliminate law regarding last year's budget or this year's maximum, allow whatever budget a district chooses; require any property tax increase to be voted on.

**State and Local Resources** **State Cost**

**Option 1** Raise basic and per-ANB entitlements by some amount 1% = \$5 M

**Option 2** Increase the Quality Educator Payment 10% = \$4 M

**Option 3** Allow districts to choose the higher of the prior year's budgeted ANB or this year's budgeted ANB for FY 2009 \$12 M

**Option 4** Use the School Unit Concept and add it to the formula with the money to be used for operating expenses; School Unit is 1 unit is 250 ANB for a K-6, 450 ANB for a 7-8 program, and 800 ANB for 9-12 program. Legislature chooses amount

**Option 5** Use the actual inflation for FY 2009 rather than the Inflation Cap (3%) \$2 M